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## Libraries receive technology upgrades through statewide partnership

**S**eventy-one libraries in Missouri will receive updated computer equipment courtesy of the Missouri State Library, the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Last January the State Library received a \$429,433 Staying Connected Grant from the Gates Foundation.

The grant allows libraries to replace older computer workstations, increase access to technical support, and improve technology training for library staff and patrons. After analyzing the need in Missouri's libraries, the State Library determined that a significant portion of the grant should replace old computers. The

State Library also dedicated additional funding to the program through the annual Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant received from IMLS.

To be eligible for the program, libraries had to either qualify for state aid, equalization, or have been identified by the Gates Foundation as being in an area of persistent poverty. Libraries are also required to match 25 percent of the cost of the grant using local funds and participate in technology training to help them maintain the new equipment.

A total of \$792,224 will be invested in Missouri public libraries for 658 new computers and technical support: \$213,516 from the Gates Foundation, \$380,652 in LSTA funding from the State Library, and \$198,056 in local matching funds.

Remaining Gates Foundation grant funds are being used for technology training and technical support programs, including "How to be an Effective Technical Trainer," a three day workshop held during this year's Summer Institute.

Libraries benefiting from the grant funding include:

Adair County Library  
Albany Carnegie Public Library  
Atchison County Library  
Barry-Lawrence Regional Library

Barton County Library  
Bethany Public Library  
Bloomfield Public Library  
Bollinger County Library  
Boonslick Regional Library

Camden County Library District  
Cameron Public Library  
Canton Public Library  
Cape Girardeau Public Library  
Carthage Public Library



**Public library employees from around the state gathered in Columbia to learn how to teach technology-related classes.**

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## Libraries receive technology upgrades

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Farmington Public Library  
Ferguson Municipal Public Library  
Festus Public Library  
Gentry County Library  
Glasgow Lewis Library  
Hannibal Free Public Library  
Hickory County Library  
Howard County Library  
Joplin Public Library  
LaPlata Public Library  
Lebanon-Laclede County Library

Little Dixie Regional Library  
Livingston County Library  
Marceline Carnegie Library  
Marshall Public Library  
McDonald County Library  
Mercer County Library  
Mexico-Audrain Library  
Mississippi County Library  
Morgan County Library  
New Madrid County Library  
North Kansas City Public Library  
Northeast Missouri Library Service  
Oregon County Library  
Palmyra Bicentennial Public Library  
Park Hills Public Library  
Polk County Library  
Pulaski County Library  
Riverside Regional Library  
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library

Sarcoxie Public Library  
Schuyler County Library  
Scotland County Memorial Library  
Seymour Public Library  
Shelbina Carnegie Public Library  
Sikeston Public Library  
Springfield-Greene County Library District  
St. Joseph Public Library  
St. Louis Public Library  
Stone County Library  
Sullivan County Public Library  
Sweet Springs Public Library  
Trails Regional Library  
University City Public Library  
Webster County Library  
West Plains Public Library  
Worth County Library  
Wright County Library

## State library targets scholarships for future librarians

In its third year, the Missouri State Library awarded four new scholarships to Missourians working on their master's degrees in library science. Thirty-eight students have received support through the State Library Scholarship Program, and six have graduated from the program and are pursuing full-time careers in Missouri libraries.



Since 2003 the State Library has invested almost \$170,000 in the education of future librarians. The scholarship program was established to address Missouri's increasing need for qualified school, public, and academic librarians. Eligible students must either attend an MLS program accredited by the American Library Association or a

school library media specialist program meeting the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education specifications. Recipients must commit to work in a publicly funded Missouri library upon graduation.

Department of Labor projections for the library profession indicate between 60 and 65 percent of currently practicing librarians will retire by 2020. In recent years, the number of retiring librarians doubled that of library school graduates. In a 2001 report, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projected 39,000 future job openings for librarians due to retirements. Changing technology and demands of a knowledge-based economy are also transforming library science, creating new challenges for staffing in community libraries.

"Our public libraries are an important part of educating our citizens and keeping our communities vibrant and strong," said Secretary of State Robin Carnahan. "I am pleased that we can provide these scholar-

ships because investing in our future librarians means investing in the future of our communities.”

Recipients are selected on the strength of their applications, transcripts, references, and interviews. Scholarships were awarded to the following students, who are all pursuing master’s degrees in library science from the University of Missouri–Columbia. All expect to complete their degrees in 2006:

- Patricia Johnston, Mount Vernon, a media center specialist for Mount Vernon High School.
- Stephanie Nordmann, Kirkwood, an information specialist for St. Louis County Library.
- Jeannette Mausolf, St. Joseph, an elementary school library facilitator for the St. Joseph School District.
- Lisa Wolfe, De Soto, a public technology assistant for St. Louis Public Library.

The Missouri State Library Scholarship program is supported by funds from the federal Library Services and Technology Act. Applicant criteria and application forms are available at [www.sos.mo.gov/library/scholarship](http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/scholarship).

## Wolfner celebrates centenarians

Patrons to the Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped come in all age groups, but not many can claim to have lived for a century. To honor those patrons who are over 100 years old, Wolfner has planned a “Ten Squared” celebration at the St. Louis Public Library on September 22.

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) created the 10<sup>2</sup> Talking Book Club to recognize the value of lifelong learning. NLS estimates more than 1,600 people across the nation will become members of the club.

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and Carolyn Sung, chief of the NLS network division, will present a certificate, pin, and letter of congratulations to 103-year-old Katharine Chambers of St. Louis, as

Missouri’s first inductee. Nine other Wolfner patrons will be inducted at the ceremony as well, including:

- Leona M. Akers, 100, Chillicothe
- Philips D. Covell, 100, Gladstone
- Vera Cusey, 101, Raytown
- Effie “Rene” Johnson, 101, Osage Beach
- Margaret Dodge, 101, Salisbury
- Helen May, 100, Rolla
- Mabell L. McGuire, 100, Freeburg
- Audrey R. Myers, 100, Kansas City
- Alma M. Sego, 100, Smithville

Frank Kurt Cylke, director of NLS, said he hopes the 10<sup>2</sup> Talking Book Club will highlight the reading services provided by each state and increase the awareness of others who are eligible to join their state reading programs. For more information about the club or to sign up for Wolfner services, call (800) 392-2614.

## Libraries receive GED and workplace skills materials

As part of an ongoing literacy initiative, the Missouri State Library has offered libraries two well-regarded adult education programs from Kentucky Educational Television (KET), *GED Connection* and *Workplace Essential Skills*.

Over the past six months, 34 libraries from around the state have received sets of the KET programming through this special grant opportunity. The State Library received a number of video sets and workbooks through a partnership with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and has been distributing them to libraries that can justify their use as part of their collections.

The *GED Connection* program includes 39 videotapes and three workbooks geared toward students who are studying for the GED exam. The *Workplace Essential Skills* curriculum consists of 25 video programs and four workbooks that teach workplace readiness skills to adults who might have a

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## WEB WATCH

### NCAA Sports

[www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com)

Not only includes scores for popular Division I men’s football and women’s basketball, but also includes information on Division II and III teams for the 18 other women’s and men’s sports.

### Metropolitan Opera Database

[www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/history/](http://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/history/)

The Metropolitan Opera recently posted its archives online, giving opera buffs from around the world access to records on every production performed at the Met since 1883.

## 2005 Teen Read Week Web site unveiled

Teens can "Get Real @ your library" during the 2005 Teen Read Week on October 16-22. The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) unveiled the "Get Real" Web site, [www.ala.org/teenread](http://www.ala.org/teenread), in June. It offers a variety of tools and opportunities for libraries to encourage youth to read. This year's theme promotes nonfiction, biographies, documentaries, and realistic fiction.

The site includes annotated lists of recommended reading, tips for planning and promoting local events, products available for purchase, links to the Teens' Top Ten, and professional resources for librarians, teachers, and parents. Those who register for Teen Read Week can also download the theme's logo and receive free books.

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## Libraries receive skills materials

high school diploma but have not used academic skills for a few years.

Any Missouri library interested in offering these materials to their patrons can apply to receive them at no charge. The State Library will continue making them available until the supply is depleted. Applications are available on the State Library's KET Materials Web site, [www.sos.mo.gov/library/ket/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/ket/).

Libraries receiving materials include:

Albany Carnegie Public Library  
Bethany Public Library  
Bloomfield Public Library  
Bollinger County Library  
Bonne Terre Memorial Library  
Boonslick Regional Library  
Cass County Public Library  
Conran Memorial Library  
Daviess County Library  
Douglas County Public Library  
Dunklin County Library  
Mexico-Audrain County Library  
Farmington Public Library

Gentry County Library  
Grundy County Jewett-Norris Library  
Lebanon-Laclede County Library  
Lockwood Public Library  
Louisiana Public Library  
Marshall Public Library  
Mountain View Public Library  
Northeast Missouri Library Service  
Oregon County Public Library  
Park Hills Public Library  
Puxico Public Library  
Ray County Library  
Riverside Regional Public Library  
Rutland Library, Three Rivers Community College  
Sedalia Public Library  
Sikeston Public Library  
St. Clair County Library  
Florissant Valley Library, St. Louis Community College  
Stone County Library  
Wellsville Public Library  
West Plains Public Library

## Carnahan awards LSTA grants to libraries

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan recently awarded the following grants to Missouri libraries. Grant funds are provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act program and total \$438,640. More information about the LSTA grant funds offered by the State Library is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants.asp).

### Jefferson County Public Library .....\$13,380

Computer Training Laboratory grant funds will supply the Windsor branch of the Jefferson County Library with ten new laptops to help meet the growing need for computer training in their community. The branch will use the computers in their meeting room, which is already equipped with a projector and screen, to make it a functional training lab.

### McDonald County Library .....\$43,100

This two-branch system will use Computer Training Laboratory grant funds to purchase 20 laptops, a storage case, projector, printer, and whiteboard to create a computer training lab. Prior to receiving the grant the library only had the capability to train one staff member or patron at a time, so the lab will be a significant enhancement to the library.

### McDonald County Library .....\$13,817

A Digital Imaging grant will capture unique photographs and memorabilia from the filming of *Jesse James* in Pineville, Missouri. "Jesse James Brings Hollywood to the Ozarks"



chronicles the arrival of Hollywood stars and production teams to the Ozarks in 1938. The collection includes candid shots of stars like Henry Fonda and Tyrone Power enjoying themselves off the set.

**Mountain View Public Library** .....\$1,500

The library will use a GED Online Study Group grant to attract and train 40 community members who do not have a high school diploma or GED. The project will serve residents who would normally have to drive more than 30 miles to attend a GED course. The program has support from a local family and parenting agency and will offer the services of an onsite GED teacher.

**Oregon County Library** .....\$48,556

Oregon County Library will use Retrospective Conversion grant funds to convert the paper records from their card catalog into machine readable records that can be searched in an online catalog. The grant will incorporate the holdings of their five-branch collection into the Missouri Group Catalog.

**St. Louis Public Library** .....\$49,569

The library will use an After School Connections grant for “Kids On Their Own,” a series of enrichment and homework help programs at all 13 branches. The programs address the needs of latchkey children who regularly visit the library after school but do not use library services and resources. The library has partnered with the St. Louis Science Center, BJC Outreach, and the cultural museum to bring programs to the youth, which will focus on science, health and nutrition, peer relationships, and cultural understanding.

**State Historical Society of Missouri** .....\$106,425

The State Historical Society will use Digital Imaging grant funds for the Missouri Newspaper Index Digitization project. It will provide searchable Web access to approximately 709,500 index cards pointing to personal and institutional names, subjects, and locations mentioned in 21 Missouri newspapers, ranging from 1808–1955. Also included are index cards pointing to personal names appearing in 42 additional state newspapers, ranging from 1855–1982. The project will be of great benefit to researchers from a variety of disciplines including, local historians and historic preservationists, educators, students at all levels, and genealogists.

**MSU Duane G. Meyer Library** .....\$67,690

Using a Digital Imaging grant, the “Shannon County Film Project” will digitize a portion of two documentary films and their outtakes. The significant “shots” of the films will be converted to streaming video, cataloged, indexed, and provided on the Web. The original documentaries were shot for PBS in 1978-1979 in Shannon County and Branson. The films, *Shannon County: Home* and *Shannon County: Hearts of the Children* won national awards and provide an intimate portrait of rural Ozarks and the people who live there. Many hours of significant material were not used in the documentaries and have never been seen.

**Texas County Library** .....\$48,680

Through a Computer Training Laboratory grant, the Cabool and Houston branches of Texas County Library will receive ten laptops each and will work with a local community college to offer training to patrons.

## DIY information highly sought on the Web

Some 55% of adult Internet users have looked for “how-to,” “do-it-yourself,” or repair information online, and roughly one in 20 Internet users — about seven million people — search for help on a typical day. The prevalence of this activity is yet another example of the many ways Americans use the Internet to gather practical information for their everyday lives.

More Internet users seek do-it-yourself information online than participate in chat rooms (17%) or online auctions (24%). However, seeking do-it-yourself information online is a less common activity than getting news (72%) or doing research on products and services (78%).

These new findings come from a national survey of 1,450 adult Internet users by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, conducted between February 21 and March 21, 2005.

**University of Missouri — Columbia Law Library** .....\$19,308

Retrospective conversion grant funds will be used to convert a special collection of U.S. and British criminal law materials from the library's rare book room. The grant will provide access through the MOBIUS and Missouri Group Catalog systems to an important special collection in criminal law from the 18th and 19th centuries.

**Washington University** .....\$26,615

"Object Virtual Reality for Artifacts: A Pilot Study" will use Digital Imaging grant funds to document the best practices and standards in the application of Object Virtual Reality to small to medium-sized artifacts. A three-dimensional representation with zoom capability will provide an immersive and interactive viewing experience for users. The project will result in a Web site with artifacts presented in 3-D from the Historic Devices For Hearing Collection at Washington University's Bernard Becker Medical Library. The Web site will also provide documentation of recommended guidelines, lessons learned, and a listing of equipment, materials, and references used for the project.

## New summer reading Web site unveiled

To help centralize information about Missouri's participation in the collaborative summer reading program, the State Library recently created a new summer reading program Web page, [www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/services/slp/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/services/slp/). Reader certificates and surveys for the 2005 summer reading program are featured on the page,

along with links to information on the value of summer library programs and future themes.

Libraries can also find the new themes and artwork for the 2006 summer reading program. "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales" will be the 2006 children's theme. Children and their families can explore the wonderful world of pets, from the furry, fishy, and feathery, to the less common and even imaginary. David Shannon has produced an active and fun poster featuring some common pets engaged in uncommon antics. Shannon is the author and illustrator of the 1999

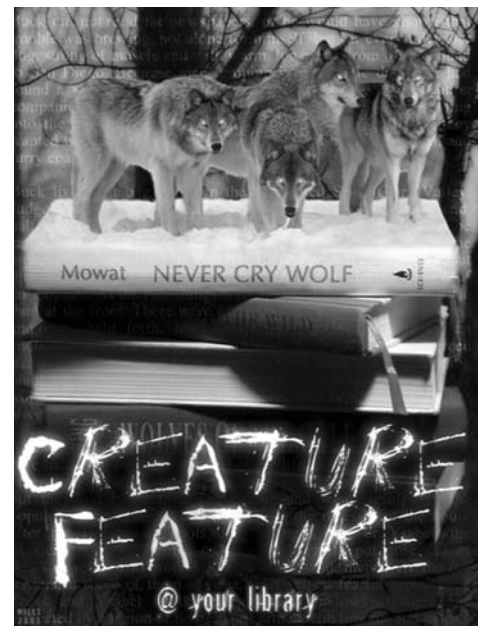
Caldecott Honor Book, *No, David!* and many others, including *A Bad Case of Stripes* and *Duck on a Bike*. Librarians should have lots of fun creating programs and activities with this amusing theme.

Russell Walks created the eerie art for the 2006 young adult theme, "Creature Feature." Walks has worked for Marvel, D.C. and Dark Horse, and the art used for the poster should attract many teens and offer great ideas for programs and activities.

As with the 2005 program, both posters will also be offered in Spanish. Look for the planning manuals and the order forms to arrive at your library in late October.



Shannon is the author and illustrator of the 1999



## Libraries needed to shape the future of senior services

Every ten years the White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) convenes to develop and implement national, state, and community policies on aging. Policy recommendations from the conference are submitted to the president and Congress, which is the foundation for possible future legislation and



funding. This year's conference, on December 11-14 in Washington, D.C., will focus on "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action." The theme reflects the mandate of the conference to concentrate on the 78 million baby boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, who will begin turning 60 in 2006.

Twelve hundred individuals from around the country will serve as delegates to the WHCoA, voting on resolutions and developing strategies to present to the president and Congress. Issues will be divided into six key areas:

- Planning Along the Lifespan
- Health and Long Term Living
- The Workplace of the Future
- Social and Civic Engagement
- Our Community
- The Marketplace

At its 2005 annual conference, the American Library Association hosted a pre-WHCoA event called "Libraries, Lifelong Learning, Information, and Older Adults." The forum provided library professionals an opportunity to discuss the six issue areas, develop recommendations, and explore how libraries can serve the growing population of older adults.

Members of the senior services community, including library staff, recognize that this growing population of older adults is the most diverse in U.S. history. Libraries

can assist seniors in all six key areas addressed by the conference.

**Planning Along the Lifespan:** Libraries provide the most current planning tools and resources to help the aging population financially prepare for retirement. Financial literacy events at libraries focus on helping individuals become more educated about investing, avoiding fraud, and protecting financial assets.

**Health and Long Term Living:** As referral agencies, libraries can provide information about where coordinated service delivery occurs and educate patrons on how to gain access to it. Libraries provide access to consumer health information and resources on making legal decisions that promote health literacy. Caregivers can also find resources to provide quality care for the aged.

**The Workplace of the Future:** Libraries provide access to employment opportunities and conduct programming to educate retirees about tools to explore new careers. Technology training specifically geared toward the educational learning style of older adults has proven popular at libraries, and such training provides a foundation for employment in the 21st century workplace.

**Social and Civic Engagement:** Libraries provide programs and services to help integrate the elderly with the non-elderly community, including intergenerational activities and programs that allow young people and seniors to educate each other. There are opportunities for social and leisure activities at the library, as well as other diverse educational opportunities that reach older adults with a variety of abilities and economic backgrounds.

**Our Community:** Libraries provide services and support allowing seniors to continue living and flourishing in their communities. As a central resource point and meeting place for agencies that serve older adults, the library can serve as a community referral clearinghouse. ALA forum participants note that libraries need to do a better job of marketing themselves to older adults, the "sandwich generation" (boomers who are currently sandwiched between aging

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## Webjunction receives additional funding

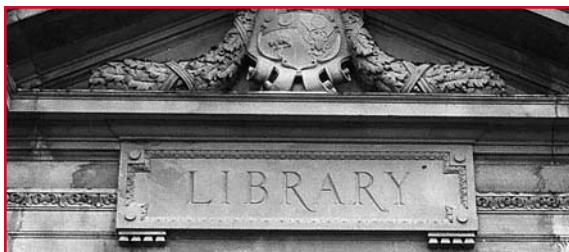
Eight million dollars from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has been awarded to Webjunction to continue the Web site and its programs for the next three years. Webjunction is an online community for libraries to share knowledge and experience on information technology and other important issues.

The new funding will help Webjunction offer new tools and services that allow public libraries to make the most of their public access computing programs, provide local workshops for rural library staffs, and better meet the technology needs of Spanish speakers in their communities.

In 2002, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) a three-year grant to create a portal for public libraries and other organizations that provide open access to information.

"We are moving from the period of creation of Webjunction to the period of growth and community development," said George Needham, vice president of OCLC Member Services. "The focus has shifted from inventing a new service and proving its value to creating a rich and varied set of resources. The Gates Foundation grants will help us take Webjunction to another level of service for our online community, and will help us to reach out so that more libraries, and more library patrons, can benefit." More information about Webjunction can be found at [www.webjunction.org](http://www.webjunction.org).





## Missouri Library News

**newsline** welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

### Morgan County opens July 7

Residents of Morgan County can now enjoy 12,000 square feet of new library space since the new facility for the Morgan County Library opened in Versailles on June 10. After being cramped in a 2,275 square foot building downtown, the new building gives the county residents a better location, more parking, and expanded opportunities and services.

A lease purchase agreement for the \$1.3 million facility meant no tax increase or bond issue was needed, and the friends group raised \$80,000 to help pay for furnishings and shelving. The building features a community room seating 85 people, plenty of reading areas, expanded computer facilities, a children's room, a fireplace, and handicapped accessibility throughout.



Traffic at the library has increased during the first few months. Two hundred new library cards were issued within the first month, and library director Connie Hiland told the *Jefferson City Post-Tribune* that attendance at the children's story time

had changed dramatically.

"We used to have to beg kids to attend story time, and we were lucky to have four children attend at the old building," said Hiland. "Now we have 59 signed up so far."

The grand opening brought 100 people to see the new library.

### Carnahan awards preservation grant to Scotland County

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan's office recently announced that Scotland County Memorial Library received a Local Records Preservation Grant for \$4,021. The grant will be used to purchase a microfilm reader/scanner.

The Local Records Preservation program was established in 1991 to support local public records management and preservation and has awarded nearly \$5 million since its inception. Grants provide funding up to a maximum of 70 percent of the total project cost.

"We are pleased to support this collaborative effort to work with local entities to protect important records for the benefit of our fellow citizens. Preserving these records is vital to maintaining our history and heritage," said Carnahan.

A total of \$373,246 was awarded to 54 counties, municipalities and school districts for the 2006 fiscal year.

The program is administered by the Local Records Division of the Missouri State Archives and is funded through user fees collected by Recorder of Deeds offices. Local governments and political subdivisions with taxing authority are eligible for the competitive grant program.

### Libri Foundation awards grants to Missouri libraries

Twelve libraries in Missouri have received grants from the Libri Foundation so far this year, with one more application round still to go. Libri Foundation grants award new hardcover children's books to rural libraries across the country. Since 1990, the foundation has donated over \$2.3 million worth of new books to more than 2,000 libraries.

To encourage and reward local support of libraries, the Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by a library's local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Librarians select the books from a booklist provided by the foundation, with over 700 fiction and nonfiction titles targeted for children ages 12 and under.



The foundation awards grants three times a year, in April, June, and December. The remaining application deadline for 2005 is December 15th. For application guidelines and additional information, go to [www.librifoundation.org](http://www.librifoundation.org).

### **2005 Missouri Libri Foundation grant recipients:**

Carrollton Public Library  
Carter County Public Library, Van Buren branch  
Conran Memorial Library, Hayti  
Barton County Library, Liberal  
Lockwood Public Library  
Mountain View Public Library  
Osborn School Library  
Puxico Public Library  
Rich Hill Memorial Library  
Seymour Community Library  
Oregon County Library, Thomasville Branch  
Worth County Library, Grant City

## **Rolling Hills ends out-of-district user fee**

Rolling Hills announced in June it has joined the Kansas City Metro Library Information Network (KCMLIN) and eliminated the user fee it charged St. Joseph patrons outside its district.

Use of Rolling Hills Consolidated Library in St. Joseph and Savannah has increased following the library board's decision to rescind the library's \$42 annual membership fee for most of its out-of-district members.

From June 29 to July 25, the library saw 382 new patrons obtain library cards and 340 others renew their membership - some of whom had left the library after the fee was implemented in May 2004. Normally, the library gains 30 to 40 new members per month.

"The board is delighted that it's possible to eliminate the \$42 fee because of the affiliation with KCMLIN, making it possible for families to participate more fully in the services offered by Rolling Hills Library," board member Sue Paxton said. "We are absolutely delighted with the increased par-

ticipation by families and individuals renewing their library cards or joining for the first time."

The Kansas City Metro Library and Information Network is a collection of libraries in northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas that serve each other's patrons for free. St. Joseph Public Library is a member of KCMLIN, so the move means residents of the St. Joseph Public Library district can now join Rolling Hills for free. Joining KCMLIN does not eliminate the \$42 fee entirely. People who do not live in a KCMLIN library district must still pay the annual fee to get a library card.

## **MRRL selects historic prison site for new library**

After months of deliberation, the Missouri River Regional Library board has selected a location for the new library. A third of a mile away from the current location, the new library will be built on the grounds of the former Missouri State Penitentiary. Three different options for a new location had been considered by the board, including reconstruction at the existing library site and moving the library across town. By selecting the penitentiary site, the library will remain close to its popular downtown location.

The decision comes as the library continues to address its space concerns. The library has often rearranged its facility to make room for technology and the expanding collection, but by early 2004 it became apparent that the library had outgrown its space. There is little room to add shelving, and the library lacks adequate patron seating, quiet study space, meeting room facilities, and parking. To meet the current needs of the growing patron base, as well as to provide adequate space for at least 20 years in the future, the library staff identified a need for a facility with more than twice the current square footage of 38,500 square feet.

The board is seeking public input on the design and features of the new library, and expects to spend approximately \$28.5 mil-

## **IMLS announces over \$21 million in grants to recruit new librarians**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently announced over \$21 million in grants to 37 universities, libraries, and library organizations across the country to recruit and educate a new generation of librarians. The grants are designed to help offset a current shortage of school library media specialists, library school faculty, and librarians working in underserved communities, as well as a looming shortage of library directors and other senior librarians who are expected to retire in the next 20 years.

Since the initiative began in 2002, the Institute has funded 1,537 master's degree students, 119 doctoral students, 660 pre-professional students, and 378 continuing education students.

The Institute's approach to recruiting and educating a new generation of librarians is multifaceted. The grants include tuition assistance, curriculum development, service expectations, job placement, recruitment of non-traditional library students, support for doctoral candidates to teach library science, and research.

For a contact list of the organizations funded with descriptions of their recruitment and education projects, go to [www.ims.gov/whatsnew/current/L21.htm](http://www.ims.gov/whatsnew/current/L21.htm).

### **More Library News**





lion on the new facility. A bond or levy increase may support the cost of the new building.

## Montgomery City library receives funds for handicapped accessibility

A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Missouri Department of Economic Development will allow the Montgomery City Public Library to bring their new library building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The library purchased a former grocery store and will spend approximately \$160,000 renovating the building. The CDBG funds, an additional \$74,918, will be used to make the entrance, restrooms, and parking lot accessible to all residents who are physically challenged or have other disabilities.

The CDBG program provides economic development grants and loan funds to cities with a population under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 to help Missouri communities address public health and safety concerns.



'Hermione' plays a game at the St. Louis County Library's release party for *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. The celebration was held at the library's Florissant branch. (St. Louis County Library photo)

## Kirkwood receives donation to go wireless

Patrons at the Kirkwood Public Library can now access the Internet through the library's new wireless connection. An \$18,000 donation from the Pioneer Bank and Trust Company not only covered the cost of the connection, but also allowed the library to purchase eight laptops patrons can check out for two-hour periods.

As more libraries across the state begin to offer wireless Internet, Library Director Wicky Sleight told the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* that the technology is an inevitable progression. "The mobility, convenience, and savings offered are compelling," said Sleight.

By offering laptops for checkout in the library, even patrons without their own equipment can take advantage of this portable research tool.

## Literacy funding awarded to school districts

School districts in Sikeston, Galena, and Conception Junction will receive \$442,416 from the Improving Literacy through School Libraries grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Part of the No Child Left Behind initiative, the program provides funds to help schools improve their library media and address the reading and other literacy challenges of their students. Funds can be used to increase library holdings, improve technological resources and capabilities, facilitate Internet links and other resource-sharing networks, enhance teachers' professional development opportunities, and expand hours of access to library services.

Sikeston School District will use \$187,979 to help establish the New Horizons Library Media Center. Library books, periodicals, equipment, and supplies will be purchased to support the curriculum and attract the interest of the diverse school population. Two part-time library media specialists will cooperate with classroom teachers to teach information retrieval skills and provide enhanced reading opportunities. New Horizons, the alternative school for at-risk

students, currently has no media center and must borrow books from other libraries in the district.

Galena School District will use a \$95,607 grant to establish Project Galena READS (Reading Enrichment and Achievement Delivers Success) to improve student literacy and academic achievement and to increase critical thinking skills across the curriculum. READS will improve the quality and quantity of books, reference materials, and technology in the district's libraries. The program will also increase the community's access to these resources through extended hours of operation for two school libraries and a Web site with links to school and county libraries. In addition, READS will provide professional development for teachers and media specialists.

The Jefferson C-123 School District in Conception Junction has \$158,830 to improve library programs and services to increase the literacy levels of students in the rural school district. The program will acquire up-to-date school library resources, increase access to school media center resources, and enhance collaboration among school librarians and classroom teachers. A part-time reading specialist will join the librarian to plan units of instruction with classroom teachers that incorporate updated library resources. In addition, the program will upgrade the school's library technology allowing for the creation of a library Web page that will provide access to library resources outside the district. The grant program is highly competitive, with over 700 districts nationwide applying for the grant. Eighty-five school districts in 28 states received grants this year. More information about the Improving Literacy through School Libraries grant program is available at [www.ed.gov/programs/lsl/index/html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/lsl/index/html).

## Seven year accreditation awarded to SISLT

The library science program of the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies (SISLT) at the University of Missouri-Columbia (MU) recently an-

nounced it had received continuing accreditation from the American Library Association. SISLT is one of 56 programs in North America and the only program in Missouri to receive ALA accreditation. The process entails an exhaustive review, including a thorough self study and a visit by an external review panel. SISLT received accreditation for a seven year period, the maximum awarded by ALA.

## Springfield-Greene receives MU Scholarship

Springfield-Greene County Library District is the first organizational recipient of a full scholarship to the University of Missouri School of Information Science and Learning Technologies. The "Make a Difference Program Library Challenge" 2005 Scholarship will provide one staff member from the library with the financial support to pursue a master's degree in library science at MU.

The library has asked staff members to submit an application for consideration, and once the staff member is selected, he or she will partner with a staff mentor to provide support during the graduate program.

MU was looking for library applicants engaged in technology-intensive or "information rich" efforts to address the needs of their patrons. Applicants were required to document those activities and describe the difference they make in the community. Springfield's planning and development coordinator Carol Grimes, who wrote the application, cited the Edge Community Technology Center as an example of how the library has made a difference for Springfield-Greene County patrons.

The scholarship covers all educational fees for approved coursework, up to a maximum of 42 credit hours. The 2006 Challenge grant will focus on schools and their use of educational technology. Additional information about the program is available at <http://make-a-difference.missouri.edu/>.

## Upcoming Events



### October 16-22

Teen Read Week

### October 21

Wolfner Volunteer Recognition Program

### October 22

National Read Aloud Day

### October 26-28

Missouri Library Association Conference

### November 18

MOREnet Council meeting

### November 19

Missouri Center for the Book Author Celebration, St. Louis



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parents who need care and their own children), senior caregivers, and all agencies that serve seniors.

The Marketplace: Libraries can close the divide between the information rich and the information poor by ensuring equitable access to resources, services, and programs without regard to income or economic status. Libraries, however, need new tools to help market themselves and their services to stakeholders, lawmakers, community leaders, and their service population.

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging encourages public input as it works to identify and refine these issues that are important to current and future seniors. Listening sessions, mini-conferences, and forums similar to the ALA session are scheduled around the country, involving more than 100,000 people. Communities and

their citizens, academic institutions, business and industry, national and local organizations and coalitions, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies are all considered key players in determining the outcomes of the conference. Missouri library advocates should meet with local and national delegates and acquaint them with the valuable role libraries play in successful and productive aging. It is essential that librarians and library trustees become part of the agenda, legislation, and funding resulting from the 2005 WHCoA.

A formal report of the ALA forum has been forwarded to WHCoA for the delegates who will attend the conference in December. Further information about each issue may be found on the White House Conference on Aging Web site, [www.whcoa.gov](http://www.whcoa.gov).

Missouri's delegates include four individuals appointed by the governor and 11 delegates named by Missouri's Congressional delegation. At-large delegates were selected by the WHCoA policy committee in August.

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